



The next meeting will be held on **February 20th @ 7pm** at

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

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President's Corner

Hello everyone,

Just a reminder no meeting for this month.

I hope everyone is excited about the new year! For once we had nice weather for the Christmas party. Many of you thanked me for the evening but it was Christine Wilkolaski, who was responsible for putting the night together and has graciously volunteered to run this year's dinner. A special thank you to Hank and Mary Miller who presented everyone with a Ficus Tree.

This year we will be starting something **new**, our meetings will still begin at 7:00 pm but at 6:15pm we will be having an informal workshop. Anyone who needs help with a tree or trees, is encouraged to bring it in. During this time, you can seek the advice and assistance from some of the senior members. It does not matter if it is a single question or you have a bazillion questions (bazillion is a real number I check with Wile E. Coyote and he is a "super genius"). We will be moving the club auction to May this year. Many people felt September was too late in the year so hopefully this will be better for everyone.

This year not only do we have an exciting year of events, The Rochester club (Bonsai Society of Upstate New York) has a year of great events. For those who

have not been to one of their meetings I can tell you they are great group of people.

The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York beginning schedule.

January 22 Mark Arpeg Shohin

February 26 Harvey Carapella

March 26 Boon Manakitivipart

April 30 Bill Valavanis

May 18 -19 Show

This year the Second U. S. National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition is going to be held in Kannapolis NC. For those that are fond of Shohin this is not one to miss. I am hoping that we can get a group of members to go. Attached in the email with the newsletter is the PDF registration form with details of the event. If you register before May 1st they offer a price break. You can register on line by going to the International bonsai website.

So far, this winter has been mild in temperature and some days more like a spring day. Thankfully those days have not lasted long enough to make the trees think it is springtime and come out of their dormancy. December and January having the shortest hours of daylight I think helps keep trees dormant in spite of warmer temperatures. I say this because even tropical trees slowdown with low hours of daylight. However, given what appears to be a winter of fluctuating temperatures a repeat of what happened a couple of years ago could be on the horizon. When we had a

warm period where things came out of dormancy then the temperatures dropped below freezing. If you do not have a plan to deal with such an occurrence you may wish to come up with one. As I have mentioned once before I winter my trees in my garage. If the above situation arises, I have a heater that I can use to combat the colder temperatures. I would not recommend bringing the trees in your house.

Scott

Events & Information:

Upcoming Bonsai Events

April 12-14 the Mid Atlantic Bonsai Society show
Harrisburg PA.

May Cherry Blossom Festival at Buffalo Historical
Society

May 18 – 19 Bonsai Society of Upstate New York Show

June 1 -2 Buffalo Bonsai Society Show

June 28-30 The 2nd U.S. National Shohin Bonsai
Exhibition Kannapolis NC (30 miles north of Charlotte)

2019 Monthly Agenda

*Meeting at the Botanical Gardens
Administration Building unless otherwise
noted:*

January - no meeting

February 20 Hank Miller, Tropicals

March 20 Bill Valavanis

April 17 Dan Zak

May 22 Club Auction

June 1-2 Club Show

June Jennifer Price

July 17 Bob Blankfield

July Club picnic

August 21 Jim Doyle

September 18

October 16

November 20 Christine Wilkolaski Physiology

December Christmas dinner

Tree of the Month

By Heike van Gunst Hamburg Germany.

Juniper



Refreshments for month

February - Christine Wilkolaski

2018 Board Members

Scott Russo- President

Paul Pearson- Treasurer

Christine Wilkolaski- Board

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Bob Maxwell- Board

Kathy Bak- Board